(घ) कराची में भारतीय प्रधान कोसलावास में अमले की संख्या कम हो जाने से भारत की यात्रा पर आने के इच्छुक पाकिस्तानी राष्ट्रिकों के वीजा आवेदनों पर तीव्रतापूर्वक कार्रवाई करने का काम गंभीर रूप से प्रभावित हुआ है और इसकी वजह से भारत और पाकिस्तान के लोगों के बीच पारस्परिक संपर्क घट गया है।

Check on the Bogus Asylum seekers from India by the Belgian Govt.

2746. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as reported in the Times of India dt. Oct. 15, 1993 that the Belgian Government has launched a crack-down on bogus asylum seekers from India;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with India to seek New Delhi's help to crack down organised networks of racketeers operating from India for smuggling human beings as cheap labour;

(c) whether such asylum seekers influx into Belgium has created a lot of racial resentment among Belgians; and

(d) what steps are being taken by India to prevent strain on our bilateral relations with Belgium, damage our reputation on political and human rights and above all to avoid danger to the legal Indian community in Belgium from being mingled up with asylum seekers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) Government are aware of reports that Belgian authorities have been conducting checks and tightening regulations relating to asylum seekers form various countries.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Government are aware of reports of some racially motivated attacks against asylum seekers in Belgium.

(d) Discussions are to be held with the Belgian authorities on this subject in Delhi in the near future. The Indian Embassy in Brussels is in regular contact with the Belgian authorities to ensure the well-being of all members of the Indian community.

Expenditure incurred by Indian High Commission

2747. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian High Commissioner in London has incurred an expenditure of about $ 1 million to fight a legal battle against a Solicitor and

(b) if so, what are the details and the reasons for incurring such huge expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Increase of staff in Regional Passport Office at Hyderabad

2748. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to improve the facilities and to increase the staff at Regional Passport Office Hyderabad;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government have allocated 80 additional post to Passport Office, Hyderabad. Office facilities at the